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Appearing in the No.
November issue
News will feature
U.S. Obsolete
and large cent

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REMEMBER
of November
deadline for the
December issue

PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE



"WORK AND GROW" — we are growing! We have a new club in Corsicana and Fred Brooks is at work.

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There is a show scheduled for each week end in October. How about providing a table with the TNA representative in charge with plenty of membership blanks. (The TNA secretary has them.) By ordering copies of the TNA News to give to prospective members you have a visible tool to work with. (Order from the editor well in advance of the show at \$6.00 per hundred plus postage.)

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The ANA convention this year had the largest attendance in its history. Texas was well represented. Congrat-

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WHEN & WHERE?

Many requests have been received for a listing on Texas coin clubs as to when and where they meet. Many of our members travel a great deal and plans could include a visit to a coin club if they had the proper information. We will visit different clubs each month. If your club welcome visitors, let us know when and where the meetings are held.

FORT WORTH COIN CLUB 1st Thursday, Guis. Ware 1879 Room.

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SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, 2nd Tuesday, Municipal Garden & Arts Center, Lubbock.

ulations to the Amarillo Coin Club for winning first place Class A in National Coin Week competition, to Frank O'Sullivan and Neil Nichols, first place winners in exhibits; Tom Bain and John Davis for their 25-year membership awards; and to Virgil Hancock for his election to the ANA Board of Governors. If I have failed to acknowledge any one, I do apologize and congratulate you.

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People are interested in numismatics — let us sell our organization to them, tell them what TNA can do for them. Ask them to join, take the application and the money and send it to the secretary. WE WILL GROW IF WE WORK.

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KEY CITY COIN CLUB, 1st Tuesday, Abilene Savings Assn., Abilene

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CORSICANA COIN CLUB, 1st Tuesday, Recreation Center, First Methodist Church.

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ALAMO COIN CLUB, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, Red Cross Bldg., San Antonio.

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TEXOMALAND COIN & STAMP CLUB, 1st & 3rd Friday, Chamber of Commerce, Denison.

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WACO COIN CLUB, 2nd Thursday, Texas Power & Light Service Center

CALIFORNIA GOLD

BY: E. H. BROOKS,
San Angelo, Texas

Some one once said "Had it not been for the old and jewels of the Orient Christopher Columbus would never have sailed Westward." This could have changed the events of history as we know it today.

Gold is one of the earliest of metals known to man. It is malleable and can be rolled so thin that you can see through it. It has been used for currency as a medium of exchange and as a bartering for momies for thousands of countless ages. Although gold is found in many countries its scarcity and the cost of mining it has made its value remain high throughout the world.

The 1848 discovery of gold in California was not the largest discovery nor the first in the United States. Its find there in 1848 was only the three or four greatest milestones in our American history. It is said that the Motherlode in California rated 12th in value of gold produced among the gold deposits of the world with a figure of 270 million dollars worth produced. The deposit rated first in production of gold was at Witwatersrand South Africa in 1883 with about 9 trillion 715 million dollars worth being mined.

However, the discovery of gold in California in 1848 was the most portentous event in the history of modern mining because it gave an immediate stimulus to worldwide migration, it induced an enormous expansion of international trade, and it caused scientific industry to invade the remote waste places of this land.

Prior to the year 1848 there was a period of economic depression in the United States and the years from 1833 to 1844 were called the "hard times years." In the year 1848 our country

had not yet recovered from the eleven years of depression.

When John Marshall, a foreman for a lumber mill owned by a man named Sutter, found gold nuggets in the creek at Sutter's mill on January 24, 1848 and President Polk announced the discovery of gold in California to Congress in December of the same year it motivated two things, first, everyone who could do so, headed for the gold mines by land and by sea to try and share in its riches. Secondly, ship loads of merchandise to supply the needs of these people were sent to San Francisco from all the nations of the world.

The discovery of gold in California contributed more to abruptly end this trying economic time of our nation than any other factor. The tremendous amount of this precious metal on the world market brought the U.S. to a stable financial position in world trade which it has never relinquished.

Now with every's this can bring about these changes in 1848 year of 1848 it was estimated there were 2,000 Americans in California prior to the discovery of gold. St. Louis, Mo. and cities close by the Mississippi river were about as far west as American civilization had progressed to any great extent. Thus travel to California entailed a long treacherous drive in covered wagons for 2,000 miles over plains, desert and mountains as well as crossing nearly impassable rivers and canyons. Otherwise travel was by sea around the southern tip of South America as we had no Panama Canal at this time. But westward they did travel in one of the greatest stampedes of human beings our country has ever known. Not all of them reached this end of the rainbow to find their pot of gold as privation among the human

beings and the animals took its toll. The shortage of water, food and the presence of disease as well as physical unpreparedness were encountered enroute to their destination. The heat from the desert shrunk the wagon wheels and made the wheels give way when the rims fell off and the alkali dust along with the alkaline water caused countless complications as well as death to many.

In spite of all obstacles encountered many of these pioneers did arrive in California and in July of 1849 there were 15,000 in the gold state, while in December of the same year this had increased to 53,000. By the year 1853, five years after the discovery of gold, California boasted of a population of 300,000 persons.

Even in 1849 there existed a shortage of gold and silver coins for general circulation and you can image what this sudden increase in population caused in trade. Gold nuggets and gold dust were both plentiful but it was not acceptable in all classes of trade. Foreign and Mexican coins were about the only ones used in California during these early years in California. These were all acceptable at face as determined by size (peso) or dollar, 50 cent size for 50 cents and 25 cent size for 25 cents regardless of their denomination or country of origin. December 31, U.S. did not have its paper currency until 1853, and no banknote circulation until Wells Fargo began to print it for their coin and commodity customers. Thus such reliable firm as Moffat and Company who made the \$50 gold slug, the \$5.00 and \$10.00 gold coins helped bridge the gap with trade coins until 1854 when the branch mint at San Francisco was established. When Moffat and Company were dissolved a new firm known as the U.S. Assay Office of Gold took over the production of gold coins using the Moffat name. Still

later the firm of Kellogg and Richter took over the minting of these gold coins. Most of these old private issues were later melted as their gold value was more than their face value.

All the merchandise being shipped into San Francisco had to pass through the U.S. Customs with duty having to be paid and they would only accept gold or silver coins. This naturally took all the available coins from free circulation as individuals and merchants as well as importers needed negotiable coins to carry on their trade when only gold nuggets and gold dust were plentiful. Importers especially were forced to hoard all silver coins as China and the Orient would accept no other payment for their goods.

Gold Dust had an intrinsic value of \$16.00 an ounce but many had to sell it for \$10.00 an ounce in spendable coins and some even as low as \$6.00 an ounce in exchange. Gold dust and nuggets were exchanged freely but not always to the satisfaction of both parties. Bartenders were hired on the basis of how much gold dust they could pick up in one pinch as that was the price charged for a drink in the bars.

This situation finally brought about the private minting of gold coins in 1849 by merchants with their names on the coins. This first issue reflected this in a scrupulous manner but soon became too heavy and with the aid of other metals making them unacceptable. When discovered by the Mint in 1854 it is shown that even after the establishment of the San Francisco Mint that private gold coins supplied over 50 percent of the gold coins for trade than did the mint. There were over 15 private firms who minted gold coins in California and of these ten, six made the \$5.00 and \$10.00 coins, six made the \$20.00 coin while only three made the \$50.00

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THE CADILLAC OF U.S. COINS

By DR. FRED C. HOMFYER,

San Angelo, Texas

The St. Gaudens 20-dollar gold piece is recognized by many as one of the most beautiful of all United States coins. This coin was designed by Augustus Saint-Gaudens who is generally acclaimed as the foremost of American sculptors during his generation.

A total of 6,073,563 units of this type were minted during the years 1907 to 1933. None of the coins dated 1924 were ever released into circulation; however, of those total 1,687 were minted for private credit. The largest coin ever struck, \$20 gold, was issued in 1926 when a total of 8,810,000 were minted.

The coin is 34 millimeters in diameter and weighs 23.6 grams. In 1907, May 10, it was proposed at a meeting of the Gold Commission to add \$50 to the top of the scale of the coin because \$27.07 was the legal limit according to law that pur gold to 90% or 0.900 purity, thus \$27.07 + \$0.0001 = a dollar coin. It can be drawn into a wire 30 miles long.

The reverse of this coin is dominated by a large eagle in full flight. Beneath the eagle is the rising sun with rays extending upward. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is in a circular arrangement in the top of the reverse design and immediately underneath



Saint-Gaudens' \$20 Gold

this legend appears the denomination, TWENTY DOLLARS. From 1908 on, the inscription IN GOD WE TRUST appeared in raised letters on the circular edge of the sun. The edge of the coin is lettered E·PLURIBUS · UNUM.

The obverse of this coin shows Liberty in classic garments and standing on a rocky peninsula. The left foot is planted firmly on a rock which is higher than the surrounding terrain. Liberty's hair and garments are flowing. Behind the figure of Liberty are rays of the sun. In her right hand the Liberty hood (long white plumes) and olive branch is held in her left hand. Above her head is the word LIBERTY. The date of issue is to the right of Liberty's left hand. The mint mark if any, appears directly above the date. The date could appear in the year of issue or the date of 1907 to 1933. The date is in Arabic numerals. Forty-eight stars almost enclose the design.

Variations of this coin include high and extra high relief specimens that were struck as experimental pieces in 1907. Variations in the date and motto were mentioned above.

The retail value for coins of this type ranges from \$18.250 for an extra high relief 1907 with lettered edge to about \$60 for a common date coin such as 1924 or 1927.



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TYPE COLLECTORS INDICATE ACTION

By BRAD MILLS
Dallas Morning News

Quite a resurgence in collector interest seems to be taking place in this country. Although more than five million persons show varying degrees of attention to special coins for putting aside, all do not pursue the hobby with the zeal of a dedicated collector. The fringe collector appears to be coming into the picture with increased zeal, due to wide publicity given new coin issues in various metals.

A good clue to increased numismatic activity is the demand for type coins. When a new collector gets serious enough to want to acquire one coin of each United States series (cents, nickels, quarters, etc.), he has taken the plunge toward extended purchase of our older or obsolete coins that eventually make a set going back to '79.

The type enthusiast wants only one coin of a kind, rather than those of halves and more. He may have less than 100 coins in his holders when his set is completed for the U.S. coins. At the moment the demand for choice type coins is strong. Of course, many beginners are still trying to get all the dates and mint marks of the more recent issues, but they mostly come around to the type idea as the young gets rough.

Requests for information on U.S. proof sets as both numismatic and investment items for the future keep



Brad Mills

coming in at an accelerated rate. Many of the calls are from older persons who consider putting aside up to 100 or 200 of these sets for disposition in 10, 20 or 30 years. This is a continuation of the interest of the non-collectors who also have been toying with the idea of acquiring gold and silver coins as a form of investment against inflation - at least in a small way.

The author has passed on a great deal of information on U.S. proof coins, particularly in yearly sets, but a new and uninformed segment of collectors and semi-speculators seem to join in the parade every few months, and their knowledge of these special coins is so limited that they want all of the answers in a hurry.

Frankly, the late proof sets issued in large quantities since 1955 have shown no spectacular rise on an annual basis. They now are selling for considerably less than in 1965. The 1964 "Kennedy" proof set reached a peak price of \$18.00 in early 1965, but now retails at about \$5.50. Since 1955 about 27 million proof sets have been issued. Most are sold intact largely in quantities. It is not possible to predict the future value of numismatics importance of proof sets, yet it is significant that they are now quoted at prices higher than the original issuing prices. It may even be a good time to acquire a few sets for the future generation inheritor.

Those who want proof coins as such, without regard to speculative appeal, should purchase them for what they were originally issued - specially struck sets for the collector who wants the best in his cabinet.

NEWS ROUNDUP - A.N.A.

By NORMA MATHER
Corpus Christi, Texas
A.N.A. Representative

NOW IS THE TIME - for all members and friends to do some letter writing to their senators and representatives in Washington urging them to pass legislation providing for a new series of coins and at least some paper money to appropriate to commemorate the 200th anniversary of our nation's birth. At present the U.S. Department of Treasury can do nothing with the idea. BUT - and there it hangs the rub - here is the irony of the letter writing - telegram, etc., etc. - the committee is now the three executives of Congress. It's up to us to direct Congress to issue this directive. Wishful thinking and let George do it just won't work. It takes many letters. We've found that letters to legislators over multiple signatures (with addresses) added at meetings, shows or in shops get attention. Will you help?



Norma Mather

you can assure him it's far enough that walking long the gold exercise it's claimed to be an occupant's health should noticeably improve during a 3-day convention - Whee!

The hours with its 144 dealers had something for all, much of it choice. The auction sessions were lively, prices paid were high.

Exhibits were very interesting, some that didn't score high enough to win awards were of materials rarely seen or unusually presented, catching the viewer's fancy. We were so proud of Texans David Cervin and Neil Nichols who took top honors in "Coins Before 1500" and "Junior - Foreign," respectively. David's exhibit was really tops, winning best in show. He's from Amarillo. Neil's from Houston. The Bureau of the Mint's exhibit of its first coming press, that struck medals on small lead planchets only to have them oblongated in the old rolling mill and the Janvier Reducing Lathe were very impressive and educational as was the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's demonstration of how our paper money is made.

Of special import to you and me is the continuing concern of the leadership of ANA with making it an organization for all of us with expanding and improving services and greater attention given ideas (frequently criticisms) of the rank and file members. The library, insurance plan authentication service and, most recently, the museum are examples of the former; revision and clarification of exhibit rules, of the latter.

The more members ANA has the less the costs per person. An invitation from you may be all that's needed to gain a new member. Try it!

from the

first vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

Col. Charles A. Wingo

Rt. 2, Box 109

Denison, Texas 75020



Everyone is going to want one of the miniature TNA News booklets which will be available at the TNA convention in Dallas. Its purpose is to acquaint visitors with the history, activities and objectives of TNA and it will be crammed full of interesting highlights about its ten years of existence.

Current plans call for printing only 800 of the booklets to be paid for by 100 patrons who will have contributed \$2.50 each. These clubs, organizations and individuals will have their names printed in the booklet as donors. If you have not already done so, please send \$2.50 to TNA, Box 74, Weslaco, Texas 78596. Since the Dallas Coin Club is predicting an attendance of 8000, I'm afraid the booklets will disappear far too soon. I know that they are primarily intended for non-members but as I stated before, everyone will want one. With that in mind, you might want to include a little extra (or send a second check) so that additional booklets may be printed.

Miriam will reserve a copy of the miniature News for each patron, so if you want to help support this project, and if you want to be sure of getting a copy, send in your contribution today!



The head judge of competitive exhibit at the 1972 TNA convention has been chosen and he has graciously

accepted. Now, members of the host Dallas Coin Club and I are busy completing the staff of judges. We need a specialist in each field of numismatics, including ancients, medieval, paper money, U.S. and foreign coins, medals and tokens.

If you are a specialist in one or more of the above fields, won't you please help by volunteering to join the staff of judges? Or perhaps you would like to recommend someone. Send your suggestions to me for consideration by the general chairman, TNA convention, and the head judge.

1972 TNA CONVENTION
April 14, 15, 16
Baker Hotel Downtown Dallas
Bourse Information
Thos. C. Bain
Chairman
3717 Marquette Dr. Dallas 75225

Question:
What do you want to sell?

Question:
What do you want to buy?

Your correspondence will be mighty welcome!

VIRGIL HANCOCK
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From the

second vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

Fred Clark
2124 Lakeside Dr.
San Angelo Texas 76901



By the time you read this the Board meeting will have been held in Austin. You others in TNA trust that they will have acted for your beliefs and the betterment of TNA. We know that we will not please all the people all the time but as this is a Board meeting made up of people from all over the State it should be as you would have it. If not you did not advise me directly earlier I did my best to meet it. However only act on what you let him know what you want him to have done. Let us all work together the TNA will grow and remember to work for the GROWTH.

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There are four governors who have added their five new members for this year. Then there are some who have not signed on new member SHOW TNA, TALK TNA, HELP MAKE IT GROW. Always be ready to talk TNA when given the chance at local club meetings. Always be ready to sign a new member to a growing worth while group such as TNA. The number of members who have signed at least one new member is very small. It should be over 50 and as is, it is way below this number. Again let us all work together and help TNA GROW.

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School is back in swing and people are back at work. Meetings should be increasing in attendance. They are here in the part of the State that

I am able to attend. Shows are being held. Attend them as you will get something out of them and meet some really nice people. They will enjoy meeting you. Some of the dealers travel some distance just to attend a show. True this is how they make their living and after. Without the collector it's attending, he will not return to a show the coming year and in time it will stop. We need all of these kind of shows we need them. Here is a good place to add to the growth of TNA. Remember the word to the wise, GROWTH.

THE CADILLAC —

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Welcome to members 2216-2232.

If approved the following will become members November 1, 1971.

2255 (D-5) David Lee, 4817 5th St., Port Arthur, Tex. 77640 U.S. Coins. L. E. Buss.

2256 (D-8) Timothy H. Pointer, Box 3367, Corpus Christi, Tex. 78404 U.S. John E. Allen.

2257 (D-5) Bill J. Pemberton, Box 1004, Greenville, Tex. 75401. U.S. & Foreign. Chas. A. Wingo.

2258 (D-5) G. V. Corley, 1415 Williamsburg Rd., Greenville, Tex. 75401. U.S. & Red Books. Chas. A. Wingo

2259 (D-6) Tommy Wills, Box 18613, Houston, Tex. 77023. U.S. Paper Money Star Notes. John T. Wills.

CORRECTION

J-2242 (D-6) Stuart Bamberger, 5523 Braesvalley, Houston, Tex. 77035

ADDRESS CHANGE

2059 (D-4) Clyde L. Grimm, Sr., Box 196, Martindale, Tex. 78655



COLUMBUS DAY

Christopher Columbus Day is celebrated in October. Columbus was a great Italian explorer, who, in search of India, found a new world instead. On October 12, 1492 the expedition sighted land and claimed it under the name of their Catholic Majesties of Castile and Leon, Spain. In 1892 the United States issued a half-dollar commemorative celebrating 400 years since the discovery. It has commemorated the World Columbian Exposition held in Chicago and sold for \$1.00 per coin. One of the first Auiliars of Columbus is found on the reverse side of the obverse of the 1962 Silver-Sent-Mill, above the figure of Christopher Columbus. Barber designed the obverse and George T. Morgan the reverse. The first specimen struck was sold to Acme Minting Co. of Dallas, Tex. for \$10,000 and is now on display at the Tex. Numismatic Association.



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from the treasurer

Texas Numismatic Association

Stanford M. Kennedy

2901 Silverleaf Dr., Austin, Texas 78757



Balance on hand as of July 31, 1971	\$5,863.73
RECEIPTS	
TNA News Ads	147.00
Sale of TNA News	12.00
Toward Cost of TNA News in Minicards	10.00
Sale of 1971 Medals	66.00
	235.00
	\$6,098.73

DISBURSEMENTS	
TNA News Editor -	
August Travel Al- lowance and July Petty Cash	83.46
Banner Printing Co.	9.80
Mailing Stencils	
July issue -	
879 copies	231.00
Postage	66.77
Engraving	3.07
TNA Librarian -	
Petty cash	15.04
Denton Commercial Printing Postage	
on 1971 Medals	4.62
	413.76
	\$5,684.97

Balance on hand as of August 31, 1971	\$5,684.97
Operating Funds	\$5,542.97
Ear-marked Funds	142.00
NOTE: The following funds cannot be used for anything except the purpose for which they are ear-marked. The balance above includes these	

funds except as noted below	
TNA Library Fund as of July 31, 1971	\$157.04
Disbursements as above	15.04
Balance as of August 31, 1971	142.00
TNA News Continuance Fund Certificate of Deposit	\$1,328.30

(This amount is not shown in the
balance above.)

HONORED

A tribute was made to Lloyd Colvin of Amarillo for hosting the 1971 TNA convention - the following appeared in the Amarillo Globe Times Acclade:

"For his untiring efforts in bringing to Amarillo the Texas Numismatic Association state convention last Spring which drew a record crowd - the largest number to attend such a convention, even in much larger cities as well as the largest attendance at an Amarillo convention. Colvin, a past president of the Amarillo Coin Club, made the successful bid for the convention a year earlier in Houston. He served as general chairman, helping to arrange for the many convention details and courtesies that were highly praised afterwards by the national coin dealers who put on displays."

ISABELLA QUARTER

Since Congress on Aug. 5, 1970 had approved the striking of the 100th Anniversary Gold Quarters as part of the U.S. Bicentennial, the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, the B. Anthony, president of the National Association of Women, A. wanted the coins to have a woman on the great Fair, so she convinced Congress to include the minting of a commemorative quarter dollar. The half dollars were sold by the Board of Gentlemen Managers - so Congress approved a Board of Lady Managers to be in charge of the quarter. It pictured Queen Isabella of Spain on the obverse and the reverse showed a kneeling woman spinning yarn. Miss Anthony thought it would help the Fair financially and further the cause of women's rights.

CALIFORNIA GOLD —

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gold slugs. There were evidently many different manufacturers of the small gold coins in 25, 50 cent and one dollar sizes as over 400 different varieties have been cataloged. They were made both in round and odd shapes with different obverses and reverses for a period of some 30 years, from 1852 to 1882 when a Federal law was passed forbidding the use of the word dollar or cents on any gold pieces other than regular U.S. issues. The original small gold pieces — 25 cents through the dollar had the word cents, d^c or dollar on the reverse. These should not be confused with the souvenir pieces that are now available for one dollar each etc., whereas the originals sell for \$7.50 to \$17.00 each according to date and condition.

Much of our heritage we can con-

from the librarian

T.N.A. Memorial Library

Wally Gilmore

Box 74, Weslaco, Texas 78596

Many thanks to the Corpus Christi Coin Club for having the slides in Set #4A remounted in new metal rims. We have found that clubs sometimes do not use the correct projector for showing the slides and they remove the rims to fit the projector; then putting the mounts back on. This ruins the usage of the slides. To prevent this, please go to your camera shop and they will recommend the proper projector.



Wally Gilmore

Since January 1 there have been 26 requests for slide sets made. During 1970, 40 requests were filled. The most popular set seems to be #2, Commemorative half dollars, followed by #4A, #3A and #3B.

If you need a list of slide sets and books contained in the TNA Memorial Library, send your request to Box 74, Weslaco, Tex 78596.

tribute to those hardy pioneers of 1843 and 1849 who suffered untold hardships but established a way of life to survive and mold another interesting chapter to our early history of the United States of America.

(References: Money Talks - California Southern Numismatic Assn. Gold Rushes and Mining Camps of the Early America West - Vardis Fisher.)

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EVENTS CALENDAR

OCTOBER 9-10

FORT WORTH COIN CLUB
11th annual G. O. S. ton,
III, 20, Hotel Lee Medley, Box
7167 Ft. Worth.



OCTOBER 16-17

PARIS COIN CLUB, 6th annual
North Star of Texas coin show, Paris
Junior College Bourse: Joe B. Bills,
248 1st S.W., Paris 75460.



OCTOBER 23-24

LIBERTY COIN CLUB, Corpus
Christi, annual show, Memorial Coli-
seum. Write club, Box 7001, Corpus
Christi 78415.



OCTOBER 23

GALVESTON COUNTY COIN
CLUB, Texas City, Country Market,
Nessler Civic Center Gen Chrmn.:
Claude Ressler, Box 2331, Texas City
77590



OCTOBER 30-31

DALLAS EAST COIN CLUB, an-
nual show, Lockwood Hall, Lock-
wood Village



NOVEMBER 7

LAMB COUNTY COIN CLUB, Little-
field, annual show. Write D. O. Jop-
lin, 404 College, Levelland 79336.



1972 SEASON

JANUARY 14-16

GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB,
INC., annual show, Rice Hotel. Write
Club, Box 2963, Houston 77001.

OCTOBER, 1971

FEBRUARY 27

KEY CITY COIN CLUB, 11th an-
nual show, Hotel Abilene
Baz Salway, Box 2741, Abilene

MARCH 5

LEVELLAND COIN & STAMP
CLUB, annual Spring show, High
School Cafeteria. Write: D. O. Joplin,
404 College, Levelland 79336



APRIL 8-9

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT ONE:

Members of Mineral Wells Coin Club voted to hold the sixth annual coin show in March 1972 with exact dates to be selected later. Forty-eight attended the two August meetings held at Crazy Water Hotel.

Programs have included a White Elephant auction with items ranging from bunion pads and antique cigarette papers to desk lamps. Ed Mabry was a pioneer. Dennis Rabideau conducted the regular auction assisted by Pat Gover. A.O. Thomas gave the program on small U.S. currency giving information and advice on beginning a collection.

The club meets the first and third Thursday nights at the hotel and visitors are welcome eligible for special prizes and to place bids on the auction. —Lee R. Waltman, Pres.



R. W. Darrah
Governor

The Fort Worth Coin Club held a watermelon party and swap night in August. It was a rainy night but a good crowd turned up and had good fellowship in spite of the fact that the president, Lt. Commander Everett Hull, is teaching in New Jersey and will be back when the Fall term begins in Fort Worth schools, and the vice president, J. N. Medley and his brother, Lee, both fell from a scaffold and both broke their left arms. They were injured while working at a

mission church in Carrizo Springs and were hospitalized in San Antonio and later moved to Fort Worth where Lee still remains in the hospital and will for some time as he also suffered internal injuries.

Final plans for the October 10-11 coin show were to be reviewed at the September meeting. Col. Raymond Darrah, Gov. Dist. 1.



DISTRICT TWO:

Final preparations for the upcoming coin show to be hosted by the Odessa Coin Club were made at the August meeting with 41 present. The club meets at the YMCA building.

TNA achievement awards were made to Bill Hodges. Gene Hurt and Ashley Lawson Hurt gave a talk on German Colonies type coins. H. R. Peppard, Gov. Dist. 2.

DISTRICT THREE:

Plans are being furthered for the 11th annual coin show to be sponsored by Key City Coin Club in Abilene. The show will be held February 26-27 at the Civic Center and for more information you may write Buz Sawyer, Box 2741 in Abilene 79604.



Buz Sawyer
Governor

The club is growing and interest is high. They are trying to have each member bring a program to the club. Several have participated in the program and each one has been very

educational appreciation is expressed to the TNA officers who attended the District 3 joint meeting. It was felt that this helped the members to feel more a part of the state organization. —Faye Cross, Sec.

Central Texas Coin Club of Brownwood met in August at the Blue Flame Room of the Lone Star Gas Bldg with 40 in attendance. A report was heard from officers and appointment of a committee to select the design for the 1972 club medal. Members of the committee are Gus Snodgrass, chairman; Austin Maedgen and Clark Coursey. The committee will report at the next meeting.

Ellis Brooks of San Angelo spoke on "Military Currency" and showed several specimens from his collection. Also on the program, a number of members gave short talks and showed articles from their second and

third hobbies. —Melba Coursey, Reporter.

Thirty were present for the recent meeting of Nolan County Coin Club when it met at Texas Bank & Trust Building in Sweetwater.

Fred Clark, TNA first vice president, reminded the group of the TNA board meeting October 3 in Austin. He asked that if the members had anything to take to the Board, to mention it to him. —Pat Panzer, Sec.

Charlie Wasson spoke on club finances at the August meeting of Big Spring Coin Club at Settles Hotel. Sixteen were present.

It was decided to raffle a \$20 gold coin to be given at the November meeting. —Mrs. J. R. Farmer, Reporter.

Morris Isabel gave a program on

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State of the Union set of commemorative medals struck by the Franklin Mint at the August meeting of San Angelo Coin Club at Town House Motor Hotel with 32 members and eight guests present. Isabel asked questions concerning various states and their nicknames which were symbolic of each state. Correct answers were awarded a gift.

Final touches were placed on the annual coin show set for September. It was noted that 392 special drawing tickets were sold with one member selling 184 of the total. —Club Bulletin.

DISTRICT FOUR:

Jack Woods was elected to be the reporter for Highland Lakes Coin Club at the August meeting held at Highland Lake National Bank. A drawing was held for a special prize of a \$20 St. Gaudens gold coin with winner being Culie A. Carter of Llano.

Lyman Bartee reported on the ANA convention. LaRue Zachary, Sec.



Ray Kirkpatrick
Governor

The program of the Austin Texas Coin Club for August was one of show and tell participation. A few of the other hobbies or of interest were bottles, painting, books, antiques, barbed wire, hand tools, plates and refinishing old furniture. A change from numismatics is a good way to learn more about friends and members.

Bob Greenwood, David Bland, Charles Cole and Lyman Bartee attended the ANA convention and one member, John E. Davis, was awarded a 25-year membership pin but was unable to attend the convention.

Lyman Bartee, Sec.

Pyramids of Mexico was the topic for discussion by Brent Brown at the August meeting of Waco Coin Club. The group met at Texas Power & Light Service Center. Brown illustrated his talk with a series of colored slides.

William Maresh was elected to serve as president for the remainder of the year, the president having retired.

Visitors are always welcome to club meetings and as the Center can be reserved only one month at a time it is sometimes necessary to change the meeting place and date. If you are visiting in Waco and would care to visit the club, get in touch with J. P. Jones, 1517 Clay Ave., Waco 76706. —J. P. Jones, Sec.

DISTRICT FIVE:

The eighth annual Dallas East Coin Club show will be held October 30-31 at Lochwood Hall, Lochwood Village in Dallas.

For bourse reservations contact the chairman at Box 28661, Dallas 75228. —Charles Willis, Reporter.



Bob Hewley
Governor

Members of Texomaland Coin & Stamp Club of Denison had their numismatic knowledge tested during a recent program conducted by the club secretary, M. J. Reesby. Teams chosen by club president, Charles Wingo, and club auctioneer, James Cole, competed. Reesby had selected interesting items from the current Red Book and asked questions based on them. Although he called the con-

test a tie it was generally conceded that Lynn Mathis was the individual champion in answering questions.

Because of the football season, meeting time has been moved up to 7 p.m. for the rest of the year. The club meets on the first and third Fridays at the Denison Chamber of Commerce. —Col. Charles A. Wingo, TNA Rep.

DISTRICT SIX:

The August 5 meeting of La Marque Coin Club heard Mrs. Lehmann card chairman report those who were in the hospital. Included were Mrs. S. B. Johnson, Mrs. Lou Allen, A. A. Graf and cards were signed by the mem-



Charlotte Nichols
Governor

bers to be sent to each. J. C. Akey gave the program. He talked on the TNA medals and his collection of bottle caps from Avon.

At the August 19 meeting the club held a memento's auction. Members voted to place copies of the 1971 Red Book and World Coin Brown book in the La Marque Library.

A report on the ANA convention held in Wash., D.C. was given by Ruby Threlkeld. Ruby was elected to the Board of Governors of International Order of Wooden Money Collectors, better known as IOWMC. The members gave her a standing ovation. She is a charter member of the organization. —Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.

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The regular meeting of Galveston County Coin Club of Texas City was held August 25 and the members voted to have another of their famous Country Markets on October 23 at Nessler Civic Center. General chair-

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at a covered dish supper. Ruby Threlkeld had the 1971 bronze TNA medals to sell and Cor. Nessler Jr. served as auctioneer for the 35 assortd lots sold.—Ruby Threlkeld Sec.

DISTRICT SEVEN:

Recent programs for the Acamo Coin Club of San Antonio have included a "stump the expert panel" composed of Troy Coan Lee Grossman and Andy Holds. MC'd by Ray Whyborn ANA educational awards went to Whyborn, Marcus Brown and Grossman.

The club ANA representative, Ilse Griffith, reported on her recent trip to the national convention in Wash., D. C. Don Jacobson presented a talk on treasure hunting and showed his metal detection equipment.

Meeting place for the club is the Ped Cross Bldg., 90 Breez Blvd. on the second and fourth Tuesday.—John M. Holds, Sec.

DISTRICT EIGHT:

The 10th annual coin club now hosted by Liberty Coin Club of Corpus Christi will be held October 23-24 at the Memorial Coliseum with John Ricketts as general chairman. In charge of bourse is W. B. Parks and both may be contacted at Box 7001, Corpus Christi 78415. Topic for a recent program was



Ray Whyborn
Governor



John Peterson
Governor

Golf Can of the Estado Unido de Mexico and a game night was held. —Club Bulletin.

Fractional members attended the first meeting in August of Corpus Christi Coin Club at Gulfway National Bank. A possible change of time and location meetings were discussed. Tom G. Felt gave a program on U.S. mint medals with exhibits of them and copies of the recently revised price list for all who wanted them.

The August 23 meeting was held at the "Swinging Door" in the basement of the Wilson Building with 25 members and four guests present. Joe B. Davis, club representative, reported on the ANA convention. Beginning plans for a Spring show were considered and a committee appointed to pursue the matter. A slide set from the TNA Memorial Library on "Some Significant Coins" was viewed. Norma Mather, Sec.

DISTRICT NINE:

The South Plains Coin Club met August 10 at Municipal Garden & Arts Center with 27 in attendance. A discussion was held on the last two of four meet dates for 1971 and having the 1972 date set. Lillian Bartee was appointed to an incoming committee for new officers. Appointed to a nomination committee for new officers were C. L. Buchanan, Elmo Webb and Don Henderson.

An auction followed the meeting.—D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.



D. O. Joplin
Governor

Bryan Steger was presented a TNA merit award for his report on the

ANA convention at the August meeting of Levelland Coin & Stamp Club. Ten attended the meeting at the Chamber of Commerce building.

A discussion was held on a combined meeting for District 9. Cards were mailed to the Steger family and W. L. Stephens, D. O. Joplin displayed a card he received from Lyman Bartee, TNA president, with the ANA cancellation — D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.

Lamb County Coin Club of Littlefield met in August at the Reddy Room with 23 members and guests present. Larry Sanderson described his float design for the Pioneer Day Celebration parade.

Pryan Steger reported on the ANA convention — D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.

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DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

The Wichita Falls Stamp and Coin Club met for their regular meeting at the YMCA on August 12. M. E. Goolsby, president, conducted the meeting and announced plans for the 85th annual convention of the American Philatelic Assn., which was held in San Antonio in August. Rev. Elwood S. Poore represented the club at the convention. Routine reports were given by W. C. Williams, governor of TNA District 13, and Roger Paulk, secretary.

W. C. Williams
Governor



Rev. Poore showed a photographic collection of his stamps covering the Creation, Biblical events, composers and musicians. He had arranged his own musical background and narrated the presentation. The speaker's hobbies include stamps, music

and photography. He displayed his original stamps from which the photographs had been made — Mrs. G. M. Howard, Publicity.

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DISTRICT FOURTEEN: Reporting 100 Per Cent

The Port Isabel Coin Club met in August to further plans for the annual coin show held at the Sea Island Motel on September 26.

John Chisum is the club president — Ada Lee Chisum, Reporter.



John L. Chisum
Governor

President L. G. Davenport showed slides made at the NECA convention in North Hollywood, Calif., which he attended, at the South Texas Error Club when they met in regular session at Chisum's Rock Shop in Pharr. Eighteen were present.

Members and guests checked rolls of nickels for mint errors — Oneta Grisham, Reporter.

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Twenty people attended the monthly meeting of Brownsville Coin Club held at Chateau Motel.

A regular jack pot drawing is held at each meeting. — Ada Lee Chisum, Reporter.

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Plans are being made to sponsor a Winter coin show by members of the Harlingen Coin Club with details and dates to be announced at a later date.

There was no meeting on Labor Day and only one meeting was held in September — Ada Lee Chisum, Reporter.

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Programs for Willacy County Coin Club, meeting at the Dew Drop Inn,

Lyford, included the story of money by Robert C. Dedmon and paper money by Annette Fortsen. —Ada Lee Chisum, Reporter.



The speaker for the September 2 meeting of Hidalgo Coin Club was unable to attend due to her husband's illness so a substitute program was held. Displaying and describing exhibits were Ada Lee Chisum, Royal Thai Mint Set H. C Card, type set of U.S. coins, and Howard Heath type set of U.S. gold. —Oneta Grisham, Reporter.



Joe Bozada of McAllen spoke on mint errors and displayed some unusual specimens at the recent meeting of San Benito Coin Club. Fourteen were in attendance at Palmville Recreation Center. —Oneta Grisham, Reporter.



DISTRICT FIFTEEN:

Beaumont Coin Club, with 46 persons present, met in August at the First Security National Bank, and heard a complete report on the ANA convention by C. L. Babcock.

Certificates of awards were made to members who participated in National Coin Week and those who had presented programs for the club.

T. G. Brown was the auctioneer. Shirley Williams, Reporter.



Jerry Williams
Governor

Plans for the Hobby Show at Texas National Guard Armory in Fort Arthur October 23-24 were made at the regular meeting of Greater Port Arthur Coin Club meeting held at Merchant National Bank. For further

information contact L. E. Buss, Box 3981, Port Arthur 77640.

C. L. Babcock reported on the ANA convention and read an article on how a coin club should work to increase membership. Shirley Williams, Reporter.



DISTRICT SIXTEEN:

The Corsicana Coin Club meets the first Tuesday in each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center of the First Methodist Church corner of West 4th Ave. and North 15th Sts. Visitors are always welcome. —Fred Brooks, Gov. Dist. 16.



Fred Brooks
Governor

5-Shilling Dollar

Over a period of years, during the reign of George III, a coin shortage developed in England. As the shortage increased, the people started to panic and took every opportunity to hoard any good money they could. By 1798 the situation was so acute that the British government through the Bank of England bought Spanish and Spanish American 8 Reel pieces which pictured the Spanish king and counterstamped them with a small head of George III and announced that these counterstamped coins had a value of 4 shilling 9 pence. By 1800 the price of silver rose and the coins had to be revalued to 5 shillings.



Pervine King, while prospecting for gold in San Luis, Colo. in 1890, discovered prehistoric Indians had once dug there for turquoise.

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From Museum Bulletin

The Piedmont region of North Carolina emerged as the major gold producing area of the United States following discovery in 1790 of a rich deposit of gold nuggets near Concord. One of these nuggets weighed 23 pounds and was the largest ever found in America. Though heavy deposits of surface gold were rare, the fire of the gold fields was strong. Shallow open pit mines and gold panned from streams, "Branch Gold," attracted numerous immigrants and led to the development of a thriving gold industry of which Charlotte was the center. Between 1840 and 1860, gold was the sustaining factor in the economy of Mecklenburg County.

There were at one time, between 75 and 100 mines within a 20-mile radius of Charlotte. One, the Rudisill founded by the picturesque Count Kavetash, had a main shaft 350 feet deep and 3,500 feet of levels.

Early mining machinery was primitive and ineffective, consisting mainly of various pounding, grinding and crushing devices which pulverized the ore after it was brought up. It was used to lay out the first downtown streets in Charlotte, the city with streets literally paved in gold.

Discovery of gold in California lessened the importance of the North Carolina fields, and by 1850 only ten mines remained in operation in the county. By 1900 most mining operations had ceased altogether, though mining resumed briefly during the Depression when plentiful cheap labor was once again available.

Gold from the early Carolina mines could be sold through local banks which charged commission, to jewelers who were sometimes dishonest

in assaying, or shipped to the Mint in Philadelphia with payment long delayed. Thus many miners preferred to deal with the Bechtlers, a German family who had settled near Rutherfordton and promised an honest assay, returning a portion of each batch as a check against fraud. They made gold tokens in denominations of \$1, \$2.50, and \$5, using different dies for North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Their coins were not durable and Bechtler coinage was gradually abandoned after the Federal Government opened the first U.S. Branch Mint in Charlotte in 1837.

Congress recognizing the need for a mint near the gold source, had authorized the building of the Charlotte Branch in 1835. The handsome building, designed by William Strickland in the Federal Classic Style turned out \$5,000,000.00 in one dollar, quarter and half eagle coins, before ceasing operations in 1861. The building was used as a Confederate Headquarters in the Civil War and for a time as a hospital. Afterwards though coinage was abandoned, it continued in use as a Federal Assay Office. Thomas Edison used the building from 1900-03 for experiments designed to separate gold from ore by electricity. Piedmont ore is of a low yield however, and Edison found too little gold to make the experiments worthwhile. The mint was to be removed from its former site in downtown Charlotte in 1935 to allow for expansion of the post office. Through farsighted efforts of a group of citizens, the historic building was saved, rebuilt on its present site in the Eastover section and in 1936 reopened its doors as the Mint Museum.

of Art

Today, although no radio attempt are made to revive interest in mining the fortune that lies beneath Charlotte's manicured lawns, the McCullough Gold Rush appears to have ended. The only gold treasures remaining are the rare and precious coins of Piedmont Gold bearing the "C" mint mark once made in the Charlotte Mint.

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This form of money still is used in Sierra Leone, West Africa. A dozen of these make about one shilling. A rich man of the area would have no problem of leaving his money stolen as it would be too heavy to carry away.

The Gizzi Penny also has another value above that of money. It can, with very little trouble be turned into a hoe or other tool with which to work.

The Gizzi Penny is now giving way to more standard forms of coins and is used today only in the more remote areas of West Africa. The day will come when this form of money will no longer be used in any area and another form of odd and curious money will pass out of existence.

TOUCH PIECES

A far back as 431 A.D. Cedric, King of the Franks claimed that a victim of scrofula, tuberculosis of the lymphatic glands especially of the neck known as the "King's Evil" could be cured by being touched by his royal fingers. This practice of touching came to England with Edward the Confessor in 1042. By this time the ceremony of touching was accompanied by the practice of presenting a coin to the ailing one. By the reign of Henry VII, king of England from 1485 to 1509, there developed what we know as the first touch pieces. It is believed that the coins were angels, large gold pieces that pictured the Archangel Michael, spear in hand, slaying a dragon. The reverse showed a ship. As can be imagined, the practice of giving each suspected victim of scrofula a gold coin became a royal luxury, then a royal burden, since many feigned illness to claim a gold piece. The practice of presenting these pieces discontinued with Geo. I, Elector of Hanover, who became king of England in 1714.

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